

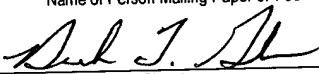
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
U.S. Application of: Noriyuki OKISU, Rieko IZUME, Motohiro
NAKANISHI and Takehisa YAMAGUCHI
For: IMAGE-PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE-
TAKING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE-
PROCESSING PROGRAM
U.S. Serial No.: To Be Assigned
Confirmation No.: To Be Assigned
Filed: Concurrently
Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Examiner: To Be Assigned

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

| |
|--|
| EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL NO.: EL 794576779 US DATE OF DEPOSIT: SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DERRICK T. GORDON _____ Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee  _____ Signature September 29, 2003 _____ Date of Signature |
|--|

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following item to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

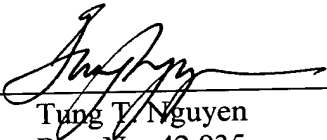
No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects its relative pertinence.

The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 2002-055748
(CANON INC), published February 20, 2002.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the new utility application, no fee is incurred. However, if it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Tung T. Nguyen
Reg. No. 42,935
Attorney for Applicants

TTN/llb
SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP
717 N. Harwood, Suite 3400
Dallas, Texas 75201
Direct: (214) 981-3478
Main: (214) 981-3300
Facsimile: (214) 981-3400
September 29, 2003

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS****Complete if Known**

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Application Number | To Be Assigned |
| Confirmation No. | To Be Assigned |
| Filing Date | Concurrently |
| First Inventor | Noriyuki OKISU et al |
| Group Art Unit | To Be Assigned |
| Examiner Name | To Be Assigned |
| Attorney Docket No. | 15162/06210 |

Sheet 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite # | DOCUMENT NUMBER | C O D E | PATENTEE | ISSUE DATE (mm/dd/yy) | CLASS | SUB CLASS | Filing Date if Appropriate |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | | O F F I C E | NUMBER | C O D E | PUBLICATION DATE (mm/dd/yy) | TRANSLATION Yes No | |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | (1) | JP | 2002-055748 | A | 02/20/02 | ABSTRACT ONLY | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with the next communication to applicant.